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In re the application of:

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For: RESIN DISPERSION, METHOD OF PREPARING THE SAME, RESIN-COATED METAL SHEET OBTAINED WITH THE SAME, AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING LAMINATE

The Honorable Commissioner of  
Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

November 1, 2000

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
(37 C.F.R. §§1.56 and 1.97)

Sir:

In accordance with Applicant's obligation under 37 C.F.R. 1.56 and 37 C.F.R. 1.97(a), Applicant is submitting herewith Form PTO-1449, listing thereon, documents known to Applicant and considered to be relevant to the examination of this application. A copy of each document listed on Form PTO-1449 is enclosed herewith. This Statement is filed within the time limit set forth in 37 CFR 1.97(b)(i).

No representation is made that a search of the prior art was conducted; that any of the cited documents is prior art to this application; or that more relevant prior art does not exist.

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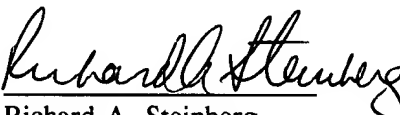
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The two documents listed on Form PTO-1449 are both discussed in the specification under "BACKGROUND ART" on page 1. Both are Japanese language documents, for which only English abstracts are enclosed.

According to the Abstract of JP63-012651 a resin dispersion is obtained by dispersing a modified polypropylene graft modified with unsaturated carboxylic acid or anhydride in a solid state in a hydrocarbon based solvent from which a powder may be obtained by evaporation. A uniform dispersion is obtained by lightly stirring after allowing to stand without swelling, dissolving or flocculating and without causing clogging of nozzles or surface unevenness during coating.

The abstract of JP30-91514 describes a low-temperature, heat sealing resin dispersion using a modified polypropylene powder obtained by dispersing the modified polypropylene in an organic solvent and evaporating to dryness.

Respectfully submitted,

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